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**STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUES DOG KENNEL OWNER FOR CONTEMPT**

Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper has taken action to stop a Sullivan County dog kennel owner from selling English Bulldog puppies in violation of a 2006 court order.

The action against Gina De'Lynn Hodges Price, filed on behalf of the Division of Consumer Affairs, claims she violated the agreed injunction, by failing to stop operating the kennel, selling dogs and advertising dogs for sale. A hearing on the State's motion is set for 9 a.m. May 23 in Chancery Court in Kingsport.

The Court approved an injunction in 2006 against Gina Price, Adam Price, Paige Baird, Doug Pickel and their kennel, Rebel Ridge Kennels, CSA Bulldogs, and Confederate Sands after numerous complaints to the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Better Business Bureau and other agencies for a number of allegations regarding the sale of the puppies.

The State alleged in its original complaint that Gina Price and the other defendants made statements to consumers that their dogs were healthy, but delivered dogs that had chronic hereditary health problems, debilitating or fatal birth defects, organ failure, spina bifida, severe heart murmurs, seizures, cleft palates, parvovirus, parasites, worms, ear mites, infections and other serious health problems. The State also alleged that numerous bulldogs from the defendants' kennel died or had

to be euthanized shortly after delivery.

Consumers also complained Price sold dogs imported from Eastern European countries such as Lithuania, Belarus, Latvia, and Russia through the website rebelridgekennels.com claiming that the bulldogs were professionally bred on premises. In its original complaint, the State also alleged that Price misrepresented puppies' documentation, registration status, country of origin, and the overall inspection ranking of the kennel itself.

Under the injunction, the defendants agreed to stop operating the kennel as a business. The court's 2006 order prohibits Price from "offering for sale or selling any dog to any consumer or the public; advertising or promoting in any manner or medium any dog to any consumer, and operating or otherwise hosting any website, e-bay offering or other Internet service, or otherwise to sell dogs to any consumer of public."

The State is seeking a contempt order against Price to enforce the original injunction and civil penalties totaling \$10,000 along with attorneys fees and court costs.

If you have paid Defendant Gina Price or Rebel Ridge Kennels and have not already filed a complaint and wish to do so, contact the Division of Consumer Affairs at <http://www.state.tn.us/consumer/> or call (615) 741-4737 or toll-free in Tennessee at 1-800-342-8385.

Consumers who wish to file a complaint against any unlawful dog breeding business or individual or any other deceptive act by a business or individual should also contact the Division of Consumer Affairs.

For more information about this case go to [www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us](http://www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us).